Henry Enoch Cockerham, M.D.
b-3-13-1873
d-10-29-52

Mary Frances Pugh
b-12-16-1878
d-9-20-57

married in
Portland - 4-12-1899

Elise C. Compere

Dorothy C. Reeder
B-12-22-09
married Wm. A. Reeder
on 2-21-31 in
New Orleans, La.

Married:
Lynn R. Carré
(10-31-34)
married
David M. Carré, Jr.
on 6-16-56

3 children:
Catherine C. Gross
Deborah C. Arnoed
David M. Carré, III

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NLR's Old Mill a concrete exa

BY JEFF WILLIAMS
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It is not what it appears to be. Pugh's Mill Memorial Park in North Little Rock is the site of what is locally known as the Old Mill. It is famous for its appearance in the opening credits of "Gone With the Wind."

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But it is not a mill and it never was.

It is in a quiet spot between Lake No. 2 and Lake No. 3 in Lakewood. Flowers, tumbling water and shaded benches make it an attractive and serene setting in the middle of a busy neighborhood.

And the illusion of a working grist mill is pulled off perfectly. The two-story rock structure is fitted with a 5-ton water wheel that is supplied with a small stream to keep it turning. Inside the building are remnants of a working mill. The mill looks like it has been neglected for years. The floor looks like worn wood and the hand railings appear to be logs and limbs nailed together.

But it is not what it appears to be. The floor, railings, even the water wheel are concrete.

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Many friends in the state will be interested in the wedding of Miss Mary Louise McLeod, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. McLeod of Warren, to Robert Dean Pugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Pugh of Portland, which took place at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning at the First Methodist church of Warren with the Rev. E. C. Rule officiating. The bride was lovely in her traveling costume of cinnamon brown crepe romaine with accessories to harmnize, and carried a bouquet of Sweetheart roses and lilies of the valley. Mrs. Sam Rife of Lake Village, cousin of the bride, was matron of honor, and wore a gown of honey dew crepe and lace and carried a bouquet of pink roses. Raymond Roddy of this city, a cousin of the groom, was best man. Before the ceremony Mrs. William Robert Glasglow sang "Because" and "All for You," with accompaniment by Miss Isabel Wells, who also played Mendelssohn's Wedding March. The bride attended the University of Arkansas and is a member of Zeta Tau Alph Sorority. The groom graduated from Washington University and is a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity. Both bride and groom are members of pioneer families of southwest Arkansas. Mr. Pugh is a merchant and planter. After a wedding trip in the East they will live in Portland. Among the out-of-town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Pugh, Miss Nancy Pugh, H. H. Naff, Mrs. J. W. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Pugh, Mrs. T. R. Pugh, Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Cockerham, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Harvey, Frank Harvey, Mrs. J. W. Dean, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Lindsey, Joe Pugh Jr., Mr. and Mrs. S J. Wilson, Mrs. R. A. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Lee, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pugh of Portland; Mrs. John W. Pugh, Mrs. E. L. Barnett, Mrs. W. R. Roddy, Raymond Roddy, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Schicker, Edward Schicker of Little Rock; Mrs. Walter Devaney of Roanoke, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rife of Lake Village.

Aug. 10, 1932

OBITUARY

ROBERT DEAN PUGH OF PORTLAND DIES

Death in Baltimore Occurs Few Days After Birth of Son.

Robert Dean Pugh, aged 30, well known Portland business man and son of J. W. Pugh, Portland merchant and planter, died Tuesday morning at Baltimore, Md., where he was a patient at Johns Hopkins hospital. He had been ill for several months.

He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Louise McLeod of Warren; his little son, Joe; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pugh, and three sisters, the Misses Martha and Nancy Pugh of Portland and Mrs. James Rutledge of Fort Smith.

Mrs. Robert Dean Pugh is at St. Vincent's infirmary, where on July 28 a son was born to them. Mrs. Pugh was with her husband in Baltimore until about a month ago His mother has been at the bedside of her son almost constantly since he entered the institution. The elder Mr. Pugh left for Baltimore Monday night when advised that his son's condition had taken a turn for the worse.

The father and son were associated in the mercantile firm of J. W. Pugh & Co. of Portland. The younger man was graduated from Washington University, St. Louis, in 1923 He was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity.

Jean A. Leroy, Poor Inventor of Film Projector, Dies.

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Young Business Man of Ashley County Succumbs

ROBERT DEAN PUGH.

bel & Co., in charge of the Rev. C. M. Reves, and burial will be at Bryant. Pallbearers will be: George Maghar, H Schalchlin, V. H. Siebert, Clark Young, E. F. Damm and J. M. McNeill. She is survived by six sons: G. L., Little Rock; J. F., Mabelvale; A. G., Scott; A. W., Amarillo, Tex.; E. J., Channing, Tex., and L. M., Wellington, Tex.; two sisters, Mrs. Carrie Treat of Archer City, Tex., and Mrs. Lizzie Bonham of San Antonio; two brothers, Louis Ritz of Hot Springs and John Ritz of Benton.

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Blytheville

Joel Newcome married Marilyn ____, who was born ____ date, place ____, the daughter of ____ ( ) + ____ ____.
list your children with marriage.

Joel Newcome married MARILYN RODMAN,
who was born on July 11, 1951 in El Dorado, Arkansas
the daughter of William McClue Rodman and
Louise Wade Rodman.

Joel and Marilyn's children: MARIE Morgan Newcome
born Oct. 4, 1978
REBECCA DEAN NEWCOME
born August 13, 1980

Nancy m. ~~Sam~~ George Samuel "Sam" Jones

Benton Newcome married Patsy ____, who was born date, place, the daughter of ____ ( ) + ____ ____.
Children born to B + P were
list children with marriages
+ grandchild.

Patsy Quinney (Newcome) born Jan 5, 1942
in Greenville, Miss. the daughter of Robert
Charles + Virginia Patterson Quinney.
Children: (1) Robert Benton Newcome March 14, 1965
married - Nicole Watts (Little Rock) Dec. 19, 1965
son - Robert Benton Newcome, III - ~~On~~ Aug. 7, 1995
(2) John Patterson Newcome Nov. 19, 1967
(3) Elizabeth Pugh Newcome Oct. 9, 1973

Becky - Benton was born Robert Benton, III -
His mother (from Amy Vanderbilt or some
such book) dropped the III and moved him
up to Jr. when the older generation
died. We did the same thing with son
Robert who was born III - now his
son was born III - The reasoning was
that only Royalty kept the Roman numerals
going - and Royalty use "ain't."
Identification is done by Social Security No. - anyway -
Thought you might enjoy this little quirk!!
Come see me - I loved the part of
the book I got to read -

Patsy

C Pugh m. Elizabeth White 1896
Robert A m Mattie A Wilson 1871
Robert R. m. Johnny Edmington 1953
T.R m. Jayne Vickers 1895
J W m Nannie Dean 1900
T.F m. Martha E Noble 1856

W.H. Wells m. Josephine Bullock 1878
H.M. Machen m. Lizzie Noble 1884

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